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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT

1. MRS. SMIT- KROES, LIBERAL PARTY MEMBER OF SECOND CHAMBER, HAS ASKED EMBASSY'S ADVICE IN PRESENTING ARGUMENTS AGAINST DUTCH RATIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT AT DEBATE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 21. WE HAVE GIVEN HER BRIEFING ON U. S. POSITION BASED ON ARTICLE IN JANUARY 23 ISSUE OF "CURRENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS." THAT ARTICLE, HOWEVER, REFERS (ON PAGE 9) TO ARTICLES IN AGREEMENT WHICH ARE "NOT CLEARLY DRAFTED OR CONTAIN AMBIGUITIES." MRS. SMIT- KROES WOULD WELCOME FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THIS POINT FOR USE IN THURSDAY'S DEBATE.

2. WHILE LIBERAL PARTY DOES NOT ENTERTAIN ANY HOPE OF PREVENTING DUTCH RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WE FEEL IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO GET INTO DUTCH PARLIAMENTARY RECORD MAIN ARGUMENTS AGAINST AGREEMENT AND HOPE DEPARTMENT CAN ASSIST IN PROVIDING SPECIFICS ABOUT ARTICLES WHICH WE CONSIDER POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME. TO BE OF ANY VALUE REPLY MUST BE SENT FROM WASHINGTON VIA IMMEDIATE CABLE BY COB JUNE 20.

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